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Oil country goes gaga for Gaga

Charges in cold case killing

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3 charged in alleged terror plot

- Two of the men arrested in Ottawa raid Wednesday
- RCMP says attack was likely months away, but they moved out of fear money was being sent by suspects to Afghanistan to be used against Canadian troops

An alleged domestic terror plot that reached from a quiet, west Ottawa neighbourhood to Iran, Dubai, Pakistan and the killing fields of Afghanistan has been busted following a year of surveillance, police said Thursday.

Three men, all Canadian citizens, are in custody after an investigation by 100 Mounties with the assistance of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the Canadian Border Services Agency, the Surete du Quebec and police in Ottawa and London, Ont.

Hiva Mohammad Alizadeh, 30, and Misbahuddin Ahmed, 26, both of Ottawa and Khurram Syed Sher, 28, of London, Ont., have been charged in the plot.

Their arrests came after police seized more than 50 electronic circuit boards they allege were designed to be remote detonators for bombs, as well as terrorist literature and bomb-related documents.

The Mounties described the three as members of a home-grown terrorist group, although they said Alizadeh is a member of another terror group with links to the Afghan war. Alizadeh is charged with conspiracy, committing an act for terrorism purposes and providing or making available property for terrorism purposes. He is also charged with making or having "an explosive substance" with the intent to endanger life or cause serious damage to property. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ A contestant identified as Khurram Sher auditions for Canadian Idol in this 2008 screen grab. Sher, 28, is named in court documents as one of the arrested parties. Watch the audition at metronews.ca.

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Murder charge laid in cold case

RCMP have laid a second-degree murder charge in connection with a nine-year-old homicide.

Stewart Elwood Drost, 37, of Canterbury, N.B., was arrested on Wednesday near Wakefield, N.B., and will be returned to Edmonton to face the charge, which stems from a trailer fire in Rainbow Lake on June 24, 2001.

The body of Rachel Gabriel, a well-known community member, was found in the remains of the trailer in the remote, northwestern Alberta town.

Since then, the Mounties' historical homicide unit has been investigating.

The unit was created in 2000 under a mandate to review, assess, prioritize and conduct follow-up investigations on RCMP unsolved homicide files within Alberta.

Since its inception, more than 100 historic homicides have been reviewed and Gabriel's homicide was one of the unit's priorities.

Drost appeared in New Brunswick court on Thursday and was remanded in custody. He will be returned to Edmonton to appear in provincial court next week. The date of his appearance is undetermined at this time.

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▶ Stewart Elwood Drost

Ground broken on 47 Habitat homes

Sod turned for ambitious Habitat for Humanity project ▶ Site located at 123 Avenue and 41 Street

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In the next three years, 47 families will see their lives change drastically.

Not long ago, the McLean family received keys to their new Habitat house, and Thursday's Habitat for Humanity Edmonton's sod-turning at the Anderson Garden site brought tears to their eyes.

"I have three children and we were living in subsidized housing in not a very good neighbourhood," said Stacey McLean.

"Now I have a sense of family, a sense of belonging and you no longer fear to let your kids play outside."

The donated building site saw dozens of dignitaries, board members, sponsors, volunteers and future Habitat families out celebrating the project.

Yassin, who has a wife and five children, was happy his family could now have a house that will be more wheelchair assessable for one of his children.

The Anderson Gardens will help the group reach its goal of building 100 homes per year by 2012.

"I'm very lucky to have Habitat for Humanity helping people like me buy a house ... The payment will be cheaper."
YASSIN, HABITAT RECIPIENT

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▶ Two future Habitat children prepare to turn sod at the Anderson Gardens site Thursday where 47 houses will be built for low-income families.

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Sonic Boom set to rock Edmonton

- 10 bands to be featured at second annual modern rock festival
- Headliners Rise Against say making a connection with fans is paramount

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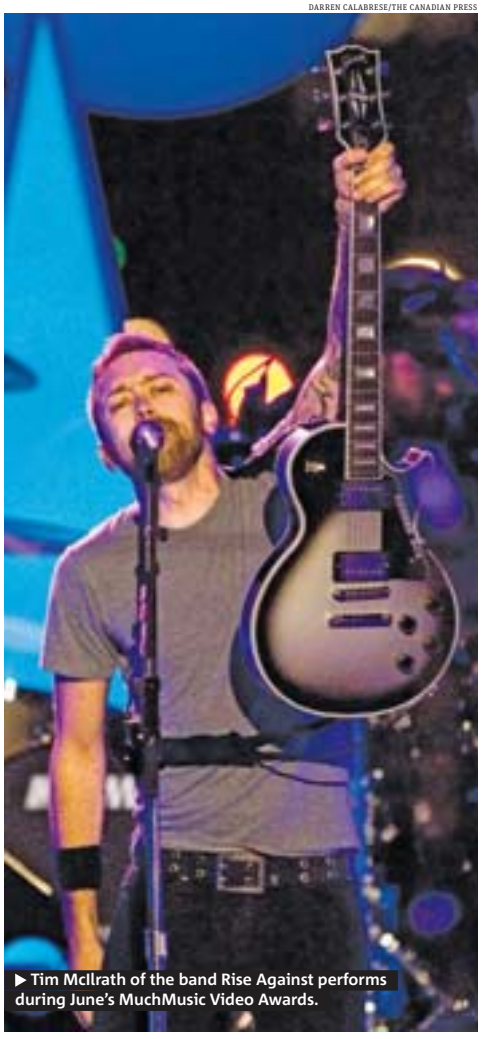

▶ Tim McIlrath of the band Rise Against performs during June's MuchMusic Video Awards.

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Just when you thought the city couldn't possibly host another summer festival, the maestros of modern rock bring you Sonic Boom 2010.

The second incarnation of Edmonton's rock festival is set to go on Saturday, Sept. 4 at Northlands.

Last year's festival was headlined by Billy Talent and included Franz Ferdinand, Metric and Alexisonfire.

This year's festival promises to be even bigger and better.

Ten bands are being featured at this year's festival. The Dirty Heads kick things off at 12:05 p.m., followed by Arkells, Mother Mother, Tokyo Police Club, Wintersleep, Bad Religion, City and Colour, Weezer and, finally, Rise Against at 9:20 p.m.

The Chicago-based punk band has a major following in Canada and around the world. Frontman Tim McIlrath says the foursome — including bassist Joe Principe, drummer Brandon Barnes and guitarist Zach Blair — simply engage in their album-making activity without over-thinking and precisely planning each step, including their latest release, Appeal to Reason.

For McIlrath, creating connections to the band's audience is of paramount importance — regardless of size, scenes or musical styles.

Weezer is made up of Rivers Cuomo (lead vocals, guitar), Patrick Wilson (drums, backing vocals), Brian Bell (guitar, backing vocals, keyboards) and Scott Shriner (bass, backing vocals, keyboards).

The band has released seven full-length albums, six EPs, and a DVD. Weezer have sold more than nine million records in the U.S. to date.

The band is best known for their successful singles Buddy Holly, Undone — The Sweater Song, Island in the Sun, Beverly Hills, and Pork and Beans.

Ticket info

- Tickets are going fast for the one-day festival.
- General admission tickets are $69.50, plus service charges.
- VIP tickets are $129.50, plus service charges.
- Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or The Union.
- Gates open at 11 a.m.
- The festival will include carnival rides and a beer garden for those over 18.

Artists in pictures

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1 Vancouver rockers Mother Mother are set to make an appearance at Sonic Boom.

2 Max Kerman, lead singer for The Arkells, performs at the 2010 JUNO gala dinner in St. John's, N.L., in April.

3 Weezer's Rivers Cuomo performs at the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival in Manchester, Tenn. in June.

4 Dallas Green is the man with the plan for City and Colour.

5 Lead singer/bassist Dave Monks and Tokyo Police Club will also be making a stop at the Sonic Boom festival.

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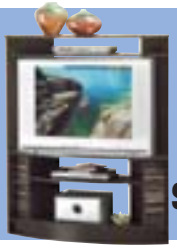

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ENGINEERING A DEAL

Local firm looks to expand

Stantec Inc., an Edmonton-based engineering firm, says it has signed a letter of intent to acquire Anshen and Allen, one of North America's leading health-care architectural firms with more than 200 employees and offices in the United States and Britain.

Financial terms of the deal, announced Thursday, were not revealed.

Anshen and Allen has offices in San Francisco, Calif.; Columbus, Ohio; Boston, Mass. and London, England. It specializes in designing hospitals, research centres and other public buildings.

The deal "will create a global architecture practice with particular expertise in the design of health care and education facilities," said Bob Gomes, Stantec's president. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New pipeline for Enbridge

Enbridge Inc., already the dominant shipper of oilsands crude, is expanding its Northern Alberta presence with a $370 million pipeline linking a Suncor Energy Inc. plant to its existing pipeline system.

"As the largest operator of oilsands regional infrastructure, and with our corresponding ability to provide favourable and competitive transportation solutions to producers, we expect to see continued attractive investment opportunities of this sort for some time to come," said Steve Wuori, the Enbridge executive in charge of liquids pipelines.

The pipeline giant said Thursday it will build a new 95-kilometre line connecting a terminal near Suncor's oilsands plant to the origin point of its Waupisoo Pipeline. Waupisoo funnels oilsands crude to an Edmonton-area hub.

$370M
The value of the new Enbridge pipeline, which will link a Suncor plant to its existing system.

The new Wood Buffalo pipeline will run parallel to the Athabasca pipeline Suncor currently uses. Suncor will continue to use the Athabasca line as well, Enbridge said.

Enbridge, which has a North American continental pipeline system stretching from northern Canada to the southern United States, has announced $1.6 billion in spending plans over the past year to expand its oilsands regional system. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Falcons hope to get by with a little help from friends

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▶ Firefighters repel from the High Level Bridge in order to put nesting boxes for peregrine falcons on the bridge's cement pillars Thursday.

▶ Firefighters go to great lengths to aid peregrine pals ▶ High Level Bridge a nesting spot for falcons

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Birds of a feather flock together — and city firefighters are helping a pair of nesting peregrine falcons find a new home.

Two falcons have used the top of one of the High Level Bridge's cement pillars as a nesting site for the past three years.

But Gordon Court, a biologist with the province, asked Fire Rescue Services for help in making the site a safer environment for the birds to raise their young.

"Every time it rains the eggs float and start to lose fertility," Court said.

"It's not an ideal situation."

The solution, according to Court, is to lower a box containing a tray of gravel onto the pillars, in the hopes that the falcons will move in.

Court said peregrines disappeared from most of North America in the 1960s and 1970s as a result of pesticide pollution, but lately biologists are seeing an encouraging rise in numbers.

"We had as few as one pair (of peregrine falcons) in 1970, and we're up to 68 pairs now."
GORDON COURT, BIOLOGIST

"We had as few as one pair in 1970, and we're up to 68 pairs now," he said.

"Historically we had as many as seven or eight pairs between Devon and Fort Saskatchewan."

There are no guarantees that the birds will claim the new nests, but Court is optimistic.

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Eskimos fans asked to help tackle hunger

- Whether Esks triumph or not, Food Bank benefits
- Promotion gives sports fans chance to help needy

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While the Eskimos tackle Saskatchewan on Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium, fans will get to tackle hunger across Edmonton.

Teaming up with the Edmonton Eskimos, Purolator's Tackle Hunger Program is back for its eighth season to encourage everyone coming to the game to donate non-perishable food or money to the Food Bank.

"This year we're looking to do over 80,000 pounds of food," said Brian Collins, marketing specialist with Purolator.

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▶ Edmonton Eskimos quarterback Ricky Ray at the Food Bank Thursday.

At the Food Bank Thursday, Eskimos quarterback Ricky Ray and Collins took part in a challenge to see who could pull out the top-10 items the Food Bank is seeking for the school snack programs.

"I've been doing this for the past few years and it's just a great way to help support your community," said Ray.

Fans who bring a food or monetary donation will have their picture taken with the Grey Cup (at Gate 10), and will have their name entered in a draw to win Ricky Ray's signed jersey or tickets to the Grey Cup game.

Donation stations will be set up at any of the gates.

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▶ Youngsters from Taiwan's Wufu Elementary School show off their diabolo skills at city hall Thursday.

Taiwanese juggling act dazzles city hall crowd

City hall was alive with colourful costumes and happy children Thursday as it hosted the Wufu Elementary School's Diabolo Team.

The juggling act from Taiwan was friendly and jubilant, performing for a crowd that included Mayor Stephen Mandel.

The diabolo is a juggling prop consisting of a spool twirled and thrown on a string attached to two sticks. The tricks range from basic to impressive, and can be performed by one student or as a group effort.

"I hope through cultural activities, kids from Taiwan can understand Canadian culture," said Marie Yen, Wufu Elementary's principal.

"Maybe this can start something, touch your heart."

Mandel enjoyed a few minutes of the performance before resuming his daily duties.

"It's wonderful when young people from around the world entertain us with their skills. I'm amazed at their talent," he said.

Wufu Elementary has been promoting diabolo in front of crowds since 2001. Every student can play diabolo, and they have numerous competition awards as proof of their abilities.

The group has three more performances this week, including two Friday at West Edmonton Mall. For more information, visit tuaaac.org.

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Tories keeping a tight lid on the truth: MP

- Liberal MP promises bill to restore long-form census
- CBC: RCMP report concludes gun registry is important

The Harper government has adopted a deliberate strategy of hiding information from Canadians in order to advance a right-wing social and justice agenda, Liberals charge.

Liberal MP John McCallum pointed Thursday to two recent examples to prove the point: The government's decision to scrap the mandatory long-form census and its refusal to release a favourable report on the effectiveness of the long-gun registry. He called the approach "a triumph of ignorance over knowledge, a triumph of ideology over science."

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▶ Liberal finance critic John McCallum

McCallum said the decision to turn the compulsory long-form census into a voluntary survey is "one of the most visible examples of one of the most fundamental shortcomings" of the Harper government.

He said it's aimed at robbing federal, provincial and municipal governments of the reliable data they need to deliver social programs.

He cited the government's refusal to release the annual RCMP evaluation of the gun registry, which opposition parties claim the government has been sitting on for six months, as another example of Harper's penchant for stifling facts.

Opposition parties maintain the government has been sitting on the report for six months and wants to keep it hidden until after a Sept. 22 vote on Tory backbencher Candice Hoeppner's private member's bill to scrap the registry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nepalese. Idol

▶ A Nepalese living goddess, locally known as Kumari, is transported on a chariot pulled by devotees during the Gaijatra festival in Katmandu.

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Goddesses live under microscope

Nepal's living goddesses are selected between the ages of two and four. A panel of judges examine them in a series of ancient ceremonies, checking horoscopes and searching for physical imperfections such as scars and wounds. Critics say the tradition violates both international and Nepalese laws on child rights. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Oil-spill aftermath

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Danger: Sex with your boss can backfire

Study finds men and women workers lose respect for male leader But 15% of women admit an affair

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Apparently, sex with the boss can still help a woman get ahead. But companies and the individuals involved pay a high price, according to new research.

Some 15 per cent of executive women surveyed by the New York-based Center for Work-Life Policy admit to having an affair with a superior.

And 37 per cent of the women believe such liaisons pay off in the form of promotions and other perks, the study also found.

But the study discovered 61 per cent of men and 70 per cent of women lost their respect for the male leader involved in a workplace dalliance.

Sylvia Ann Hewlett

As well, 60 per cent of male executives and 65 per cent of female executives suspect the woman involved is receiving salary hikes and plum assignments in exchange for sexual favours, the survey showed.

"Hitting on a female colleague is never okay. And up-and-coming executive women need to exercise similar restraint," says Center president Sylvia Ann Hewlett.

"Illicit sexual relations often backfire and wreak serious damage in the workplace," she adds.

The Center. a non-profit think-tank, conducts research and works with employers to develop policies that promote work-life balance.

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Thailand. Weighty assignment

Umnuayporn Tongprapai is believed to be the heaviest woman in Thailand.

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A heavy day for city workers

A 274-kilogram woman, Umnuayporn Tongprapai, left her Bangkok apartment for the first time in three years Thursday — helped by city workers and a forklift.

7 Scientists in Europe Tuesday reported a Sun-like star with up to seven planets orbiting around it.

New planets found

Two new planets about the size of Saturn have been discovered 2,000 light years from Earth, NASA scientists said Thursday.

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Hottest year ever? The title will be so cool

But La Nina just might blow it, forecaster warns

Canada is on track to have the hottest year on record by far — if La Nina doesn't blow it.

From January through July, it has been 3.5 degrees warmer than normal, says Environment Canada's David Phillips.

That's considerably warmer than the record set in 1998, when temperatures hovered almost 2.5 degrees higher than normal for the whole year across the country.

"Unless we get into a big deep freeze from September on, this one certainly looks like it will be the warmest of all," Phillips said.

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▶ Cooling off has been the right thing to do this year.

Models forecast this year's trend will continue, with Central and Eastern Canada breaking records for the warmest September and October.

The 1998 record was set even though a La Nina formed that year.

This year, the same weather phenomenon developed in July as the waters of the central Pacific Ocean cooled.

La Nina usually brings cooler weather to Western Canada.

But Phillips said he believes it won't have a dampening enough effect to keep 2010 out of the record books.

Phillips guarantees we won't have a winter like last year, when it was four degrees warmer than usual.

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New Brunswick. On the hustings

▶ New Brunswick Conservative Party Leader David Alward and his wife, Rhonda Alward, kick off their election campaign in Mactaquac, N.B., on Thursday.

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Ready, set ... campaign

New Brunswick's election campaign switched into high gear Thursday. The race is expected to be tight and dominated by questions of leadership. Premier Shawn Graham is seeking a second mandate in a province that has always given governments at least two terms to prove their worth.

20 A court document orders defence and prosecution lawyers to make 20-minute arguments in the Black case.

Black's court date

Conrad Black's appeal to overturn his fraud convictions will be heard by a panel of three judges in Chicago on Sept. 29.

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Labour. Protest

▶ An unidentified labour organizer is arrested by Los Angeles police officers.

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L.A. janitors take to the streets

Hundreds of janitors protested labour conditions Thursday in the Century City district of Los Angeles. Police arrested 13 demonstrators who were protesting JP Morgan for laying off janitorial workers.

RCMP destroys illegal poppy field in B.C.

Mountie says 60,000-plant crop is indicative of high demand in the community for poppy-derived drugs

Mounties have wiped out a field of opium poppies in B.C.'s Fraser Valley in a first-of-its-kind drug bust that's also revealed a much larger problem within the South Asian community.

Police believe the flower pods were meant to make the drug doda, which gives its users an opium-like high and is said to be commonly used by taxi and truck drivers.

Chilliwack RCMP say the illegal crop on almost three hectares was the largest opium-poppy field ever found in Canada and the 60,000 mature plants were almost ready to harvest.

Because it's a crop more well known to Afghanistan than Canada, Cpl. Lea-Anne Dunlop said RCMP investigators knew very little about opium poppies and had to do some research just to get a search warrant.

Their next concern was to act quickly, she said.

After gathering their evidence, RCMP hired a nearby farmer in the community, about 100 kilometres east of Vancouver, to plow the crop under. Police will also be watching the field next spring to make sure the flowers don't come back.

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Powerful plant

Opium poppies are used to make legal and illegal drugs, including pain killers morphine and codeine, and street drugs doda and heroin.

▶ Doda is made by grinding down the husks of the poppy into a powder. The powder is then used in tea or water and is said to produce a quick high and then a sense of calm.

HIV

Unsafe sex leads to conviction

A singer in a German girl band broke down into tears Thursday after a court convicted her but sentenced her to no jail time for causing bodily harm to her ex-boyfriend by having unprotected sex with him despite knowing she was infected with HIV.

Nadja Benaissa, 28, was given a two-year suspended prison sentence and 300 hours community service after she was convicted in a Darmstadt administrative court. She faced a possible 10 years behind bars.

Benaissa told the court she became addicted to crack cocaine at 14 and that during her pregnancy at 16, she found out that she was HIV positive.

After winning a TV talent show, Popstars, in 2000, she joined the band No Angels with four other young women and hid her illness from everyone.

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Casino gets fined for table dance

Nevada's gaming board has fined Caesars Palace $250,000 for allowing a high-limit baccarat player to dance on a Las Vegas casino card table while the game was being played. The Las Vegas Sun reports Caesars Palace agreed to the fine announced this week by the state Gaming Control Board. Final Gaming Commission approval is expected soon.

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▶ Solo sailor Laura Dekker will catch up on her schoolwork during her stay in the Canary Islands.

Canary isles, ahoy

Solo sailor aged 14 makes landfall — and plans to stay awhile

A 14-year-old Dutch sailor aiming to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world says she has reached the Canary Islands off northwest Africa.

"Now I'm in the Canary Islands with the first stage of my trip behind me," Laura Dekker wrote on her website.

"It was a great first stage that I can look back on with a good feeling.

"Sleeping, eating, navigating and all the other things on board went well," she wrote.

"I'll have to look at land for a while now, but with the beautiful weather and great view here that will be fine."

Her venture stirred an intense debate about whether young people should be allowed to sail the world's oceans alone.

In the end, a Dutch court ruled her preparations were adequate and it was up to her parents to decide whether to let her make the attempt.

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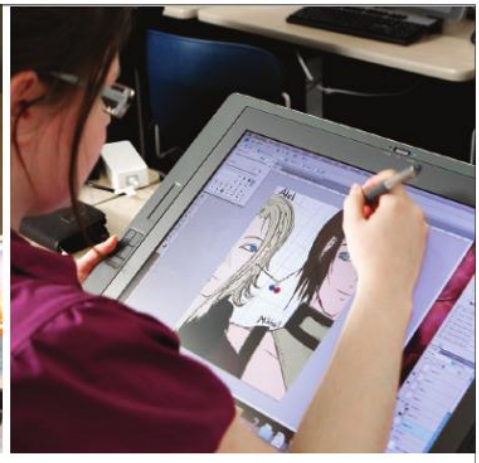

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Chile. Mine rescue

▶ San Lorenzo, patron saint of miners in Chile, watches over rescue operations at the San Jose mine.

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Trapped — and no pay?

While 33 men trapped in a collapsed Chile mine cling to hope that they'll get out alive, the company that put them there says it can't afford to pay their salaries and may go bankrupt. Chile's state-owned mining authority is digging an escape tunnel, which will cost about $1.7 million. The San Jose gold and copper mine's main tunnel collapsed on Aug. 5.

Treasure trove of life found on ocean floor

50 The scientists say as many as 50 new plant and animal species may have been discovered during the three-week expedition that ended Aug. 14.

Scientists using cutting-edge technology to explore waters off Indonesia have been wowed by incredible images of marine life on the ocean floor.

Their cameras captured plate-sized sea spiders and flower-like sponges that appear to be carnivorous.

The scientists used powerful sonar mapping system and a robotic vehicle to explore 54,000 square kilometres of sea floor off northern Indonesia, at depths ranging from 240 metres to more than 1.6 kilometres.

Verena Tunnicliffe, a professor at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, said: "The sea spiders ... on this mission were huge. Eight-inches (20-centimetres) or more across."

One animal captured on video looks like a flower, covered with glasslike needles, but scientists think it is probably a carnivorous sponge.

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▶ A pedestrian walks past a billboard for BlackBerry phones in Mumbai.

RIM not giving in to India

RIM reiterates it doesn't have 'master key' to encrypted corporate data ▶ Says BlackBerry ban in India would be unnecessarily disruptive

BlackBerry maker Research In Motion won't compromise on security, but is offering to lead an industry group to work with the Indian government to support its demand for access to information that passes between the smartphones.

"The use of strong encryption in wireless technology is not unique to the BlackBerry platform," Research In Motion said in a statement on Thursday.

"It is unquestionably an industrywide matter."

Waterloo, Ont.-based RIM is trying to reach a solution with India before the Aug. 31 deadline, which would see BlackBerry email and text messaging services banned in that country.

India has said it wants real-time access to the data to meet its security needs. Similar concerns have been voiced by the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and Lebanon.

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Encryption 101

▶ RIM said locating servers in India wouldn't make any difference, since all data remain encrypted at all times through all points of transfer between the customer's BlackBerry enterprise server and the customer's device.

COMMERCIAL WHALING

Japan to host whale summit

Japan is inviting pro-whaling nations to a meeting aimed at building support for lifting a decades-old ban on commercial whale hunts, the country's fisheries agency said Thursday.

After failing to get the ban lifted at this year's meeting of the International Whaling Commission, Japan is hoping about 40 pro-whaling nations will attend the event it plans in the southern port of Shimonoseki — a traditional whaling hub — in November.

The meeting is intended to build solidarity among pro-whaling nations in support of "sustainable use" and to strengthen the lobby against the ban on commercial whaling in place since 1986, the fisheries agency said in a statement.

Japan has long been one of the strongest opponents of the ban.

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Dancer beats onerous debt law

An exotic dancer from Moldova who was jailed for not paying her debts in South Africa has helped get the country's law changed.

Tatiana Malachi was brought to South Africa in 2008 by House of Rasputin Properties, which ran a Cape Town dance club. The owners said she owed them for the money spent on her accommodation, visas and other travel costs.

The owners kept her passport to ensure she paid. When they learned she had sought help from Russian diplomats and planned to leave the country in July 2009, they had her arrested. After spending two weeks in jail she returned to Moldova.

In a ruling this week, South Africa's highest court said portions of the country's debt law dating back to 1944 allowing for such detention were unconstitutional.

In his ruling, constitutional Court Justice Mogoeng wa Mogoeng ordered anyone being held in prison for unpaid debt should be "released with immediate effect."

Mogoeng said that although Malachi triumphed in court, "nothing can undo the degrading effect of incarceration."

"Freedom is an important right. The detention of any person without a just cause is a severe and egregious limitation of that right," Mogoeng said.

He said it would be difficult to imagine circumstances in which a law allowing detention without cause could be justified.

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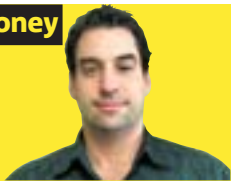

DAVID DESCÔTEAUX

Tired of paying taxes? Grab an axe and go spill some blood ... virtually.

In an article published two years ago, I told the story of a young Montrealer who earned $3,000 a month selling virtual dresses and T-shirts to players of Second Life. In this online game, millions of people walk avatars (virtual selves) into nightclubs and other imaginary places. They pay real dollars to buy their avatars a sexy haircut, a little cat, a house ... even a penis.

Meanwhile, "gold farmers" in China spend their days slashing monsters with their swords and stealing their gold pieces in World of Warcraft. These gold pieces are then sold over the Internet to other players who need them to progress in the game. Estimated profit: $2,000 US per day.

Two years later, what has changed? "Second Life has slowed down a bit, but Facebook games like FarmVille are exploding," says Michèle Blanc, senior partner at Analyweb. Last year, 70-million people (your friends?) spent $500 million US to feed non-existent pigs and decorate their virtual farms.

A parallel economy is growing at a breakneck pace. From $800 million US two years ago, the annual value of goods traded in virtual worlds on the Internet has now reached $1.5 billion. At the current exchange rate of 200 per U.S. dollar, the World of Warcraft gold coin is faring better than most South American currencies.

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In this day and age, a three-headed virtual rabbit can be more productive than most human beings. Edward Castronova, an economist at Indiana University and an expert on virtual worlds, has calculated the value of all goods — magic swords, armour, etc. — created and traded by players in the realm of Norrath, a region of the game EverQuest. GDP per capita: $2,280 US. Average hourly wage: $3.42. These figures put the economy of Norrath above those of China and India.

The United States and Canada do not tax flying castles or dresses made of pixels. "The U.S. government has been trying for the past five years to seek ways to tax these transactions. But the IRS has no rule of procedure for virtual goods," says Castronova. "It's too weird for them, and doesn't fit into any categories."

Thousands of web entrepreneurs rejoice. For once, bureaucrats put spokes in their own wheels.

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3-D TECHNOLOGY

Race is on to shed the specs

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▶In Japan, Blu-ray players show 3-D images with the use of glasses.

Sony Corp. is working on 3-D televisions that don't need special glasses, joining a race with rival Toshiba Corp., but there are financial and technological hurdles to overcome before they can go on sale.

Toshiba said earlier this week it is working on glasses-free 3-D TVs, although no decision had been made on when they will go on sale.

"Seeing 3-D without glasses is more convenient," Sony senior vice-president Yoshihisa Ishida said Thursday. "We must take account of pricing before we can think about when to start offering them."

Sony showed its latest 3-D products for the Japanese market, including flat-panel TVs and Blu-ray recorders.

Sony said it plans to be No. 1 in market share in Japan in 3-D TVs and 3-D players and recorders, taking advantage of its position as an electronics maker with a movie studio.

Sony said it will start selling two films and two music videos in 3-D next month, and planned home software of 3-D theatre releases, including a 3-D Spider-Man opening in 2012.

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Shell seeks to share oilsands cleanup tech

CALGARY. Shell Canada Ltd. wants to share new tailings cleanup technology it recently rolled out at its Muskeg River oilsands mine with others in the industry.

Tailings — a mixture of sand, clay, water and residual bitumen — are a byproduct of the oilsands extraction process.

Shell said its technology — called atmospheric fines drying — cuts the time it takes to remove the harmful byproducts, and for the land to be reclaimed to its natural state.

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Employee earnings increased by 4%

Canadians have been bringing home more money each week than they did during the economic downturn, when jobs and workers' hours were slashed, but economists warn a return to recession in the U.S. could derail rising incomes.

"My concern is that if we get a double dip (recession) in the U.S., we're certainly going to feel that in Canada, so I think we're in for an extended period where unemployment remains — at best — at or near eight per cent," says Andrew Jackson, chief economist at the Canadian Labour Congress.

"And you will not see significant wage growth with unemployment at that level."

Statistics Canada reported Thursday that the average weekly earnings of non-farm payroll employees rose by four per cent in June from a year earlier to $853.50.

But much of the weekly earnings increases can be attributed to employees on hourly wages working more hours as employers boost output, he said.

During the recovery, wages have increased by about two per cent — just in line with the pace of inflation, Jackson said.

During the recession, employers cut spending on wages and salaries by $9.5 billion, resulting in the loss of some 400,000 jobs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ John Landry

5 MINUTES WITH: JOHN LANDRY

John Landry is a Canadian country music artist who will be attending this year's Canadian County Music Association awards in Edmonton.

What inspired you to earn your wings as an Air Force helicopter pilot with the Canadian military?
Since I was a kid that's what I've always wanted to do. I actually never wanted to be a singer. But when I was 21 and tried to become a pilot the program was closed ... then one thing led to another and I became a flight medic for eight years ... then the recording industry happened. I then just happened to talk to one of the recruiters and they opened up a pilot program. I guess you can say I came full circle.

You have accomplished so much in your careers. What can you tell others who look up to you?
I do what feels right and I always try to follow my own path. You go through life not really knowing ... when I was 16 there was no way I could tell you what my path was going to take. I guess be flexible and go with whatever life takes you.

How do you balance your life with your music career and now as an Air Force pilot?
I have a great team of people. If I have one skill in life it's who I surround myself with. The people I work with are phenomenal. They know me and they know what I like and what I don't. The team I put together is able to keep everything flowing.

Your new CD Changing Man. Can you tell me about it?
The album is called Changing Man for a reason. There's a time for change. You struggle everyday to change things and if you don't like something about yourself then you're the only one who can change it. I haven't seen my family in three months. That's the real reason I changed my direction from focusing 100 per cent on the music industry. When I got married and had a family I didn't want that lifestyle anymore.

What now?
After I graduate with my wings I will be performing at the CCMA SongWriters Café in Edmonton on Sept 11. I love cafés because it's very intimate. I'll be doing songs from my new album and old album.

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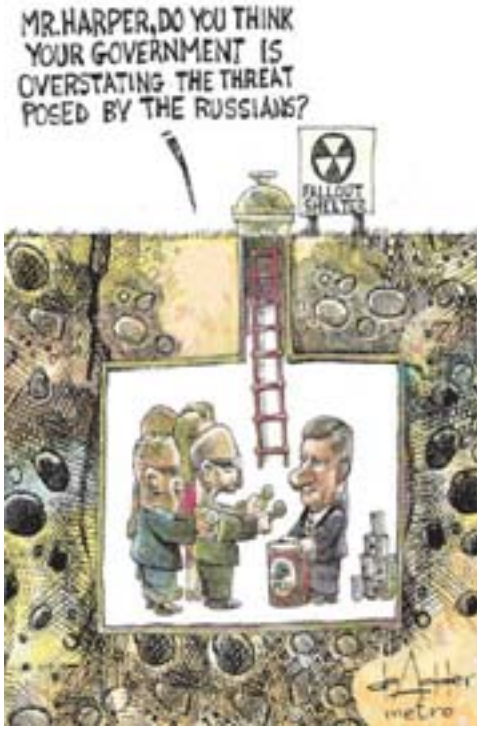
Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER



We are all Canadians

Letters & Tweets

Re: 'White buyer' need only apply (Aug. 25)

CALGARY. Can anyone really define "white" when it's combined with our race? I am really offended by the continuous reference to "white" when my skin isn't really white. What does the term "white" really tell us about a person. My brother was born in Germany, my mother was born in Quebec, and I'm from St. Stephen, N.B.

I am outraged and ask that this definition of "white" be stricken from the dictionary as all my ancestors, friends, family and colleagues are all Canadian. ALLAN P. JOBSON

No colour barrier

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We asked: Coffee or tea?

TORONTO. Definitely tea! Most varieties have one-third of the caffeine, and some even help me lose weight.

I started drinking more tea to help with digestive issues and continue to have three to five cups every day.
MARY-ELLEN TESSIER

EDMONTON. @andraealynne: Tea! Because there's more variety, less processing and often less caffeine.

HALIFAX. Definitely coffee. Sure, tea comes in many different flavours, but when you walk into a room with coffee, the room begins to smell better. ELIZA MILLER

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Metro Minute with Edmonton Eskimos

The Edmonton Eskimos are coming off a bye week into what is nearly a must-win situation for the football club. It won't be easy if the Eskimos are planning on stopping their 1-6 skid because they will have to do it against one of the CFL's best in the Saskatchewan Roughriders. Kickoff is Saturday at 5 p.m. at Commonwealth Stadium.

Quarterback Ricky Ray injured his sternum in his last game, a 56-15 loss against the Calgary Stampeders, but the slinger says he's ready to play this weekend. No word from the coaching staff on whether Ray will start or if pivot Jared Zabransky will get his first start of the season. METRO EDMONTON

Three days to play

ARE YOU READY FOR THE RETURN TO SCHOOL?

Samantha Hacklamder
EDMONTON
I'm really excited for school ... I just want to get back and meet more people and be on the campus and participate in campus activities and have a good time.

Joel Kelly
EDMONTON
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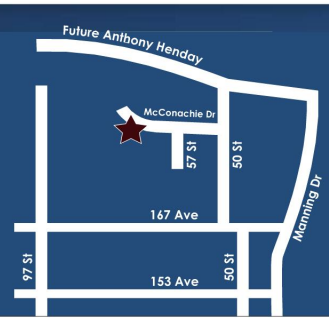

- With 200 roles under his belt character actor Danny Trejo get his first starring gig
- Director Robert Rodriguez envisioned this role for Trejo when he was working on the movie Desperado and turned it into a fake trailer for Grindhouse release

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▶ Actors Don Johnson, Danny Trejo, Jessica Alba, Cheech Marin, Daryl Sabara, Michelle Rodriguez and director Robert Rodriguez at a screening of Machete.

After 14 years Machete makes the cut

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Danny Trejo feels like he's been preparing to play the title character in Machete for 14 years — about as long as he's been working with writer/director Robert Rodriguez.

"Robert's been training me for this movie since we did Desperado, says Trejo, who's appeared in eight of Rodriguez's films. "He said, 'Hey, you're perfect for this character. I want to do this movie called Machete. And that was 14 years ago. And so, you know, 14 years and 780,000 phone calls later — 'When are we doing Machete?' — it was just like stepping into the guy."

"As far as being the lead, the only difference is I got to kiss Jessica Alba."
DANNY TREJO

And from his first role with Rodriguez — as the knife-throwing assassin Navajas in Desperado — Trejo has noticed a common theme in their collaboration: "Basically in each movie, if you'll notice, I have some sharp object," he says with a laugh.

A veteran character actor who's appeared on screen close to 200 times, Trejo gets to finally play the lead in Machete, something he was excited about.

"As far as being the lead, the only difference is I got to kiss Jessica Alba," he jokes. "It's a little different because usually you show up, you do your stuff and you leave. But now you're on the set every day. You're on the set every day and you have to realize that this is your movie. It's not that your attitude is different or your performance is different. It's that you just help any way you can."

While the idea for Machete came about years ago, the character first appeared on screen as something of a gag. Rodriguez filmed a trailer for the non-existent film as part of his Grindhouse project with Quentin Tarantino, sandwiched between Rodriguez's Planet Terror and Tarantino's Death Proof. For Trejo, filming the movie years after making the trailer was more than a little disorienting.

"Usually you do a trailer after doing the movie, so I thought I was having, like, Alzheimer's," Trejo says. "'Did we shoot this movies already?'"

And with Machete already being in the public consciousness — the trailer was one of the most popular parts of Grindhouse — the actor and filmmaker found they had a new set of expectations to worry about.

"I sent Robert a text from England, where some guys had tattooed that picture of Machete on their backs," Trejo remembers. "I thought, 'Wow, I hope they like the movie.'"

Arizona law adds a real life element

Writer and director Robert Rodriguez admits he couldn't have asked for better timing for Machete, as it comes just months after Arizona passed its controversial immigration law.

"When you make an exploitation film you always want to have a real issue," he says. "That's how they were always done. Exploitation films were famous for taking an issue and exploiting it because they could move much faster than a studio. Any hot topic, they could run out and make a movie and make a buck on it."

While immigration has always been a hot-button topic in Arizona the current events have raised the temperature on the situation.

"Just recently this just became more relevant and just gave this movie another layer of entertainment," he says. "It's done in a huge sense of fun. It's supposed to make you feel, 'Wow, some of this is really not far off the mark.' Even though I tried to make it as much made up as possible, you couldn't escape that reality is stranger than fiction."

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2 scene

Reunited

Kevin Spacey and Sam Mendes are reuniting for a trans-Atlantic production of Richard III, producers announced Thursday. Spacey will play the villainous English king in a production of Shakespeare's play directed by Mendes, which is set for an international tour in 2012. The two men last worked together on the 1999 film American Beauty,' which won five Academy Awards, including best actor for Spacey and best director for Mendes.
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Interesting experiment

The Last Exorcism
Genre: Horror/Thriller
Director: Daniel Stamm
Stars: Patrick Fabian, Ashley Bell, Iris Bahr
⊕⊕⊕

Producer Eli Roth (Hostel 1 &2, Cabin Fever) has claimed that his latest cinematic venture The Last Exorcism was meant to be anything but a rip-off of William Friedkin's immortal 1973 shocker The Exorcist. But If he thinks his film doesn't have its roots firmly ensconced in that classic, he's out to lunch; for just as in The Exorcist. we have a central "holy man" figure having a crisis of faith who is called into action when a little girl is seemingly possessed by some class of demon. And yes, substances and swear words do indeed spill out of mouths in both pictures.

What makes The Last Exorcism different is the framing conceit, a pseudo-documentary, first person camera approach that is meant to immerse the audience into the action and further blur the lines between fact and fiction. It's an interesting experiment, applying a post — Blair Witch sheen to a familiar and oft abused genre trope and it almost works.

The problem at the core of The Last Exorcism lies in that first person point-of-view; the film has such strong performances, austere cinematography, rich music and the story is so fanciful that the intentional sloppiness of the camera-work ultimately distracts rather than engages.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Takers
Genre: Action
Director: John Luessenhop
Stars: Chris Brown, Matt Dillon, T.I., Paul Walker
⊕½

If you've seen any heist movie before, then you've already seen Takers. The script that somehow required four writers follows every possible genre cliché and then adds some tired cop drama with Matt Dillon for good measure. Admittedly, director John Luessenhop has some impressive action saved for the climax, but it's just not enough to make up for the irritating performances and terrible screenplay (favourite/worst line: "We're takers, man. That's what we do. We take.").

PHIL BROWN

Flipped
Genre: Comedy
Director: Rob Reiner
Stars: Madeline Carroll, Rebecca De Mornay, Callan McAuliffe, Aidan Quinn
⊕⊕½

Flipped — Rob Reiner's latest has been billed as a return to form for the director and a companion piece to his Stand By Me. Like that film, Flipped is a coming-of-age ode to youth cloaked in mid-century Americana (the early 1960s). It's nostalgic for nostalgia. There's charm here and some honest observations of adolescence. But there's also a wilful, cloying datedness to the movie — overly stuffed with period detail like an Archie comic strip. It tracks a boy (Callan McAuliffe) and a girl (Madeline Carroll) from 7-years-old to 13, and all the fluctuating emotions in between.

The strength of Flipped is in its trueness to humdrum adolescence. It's filled not with extravagant dramas, but instead portrays how seemingly minor happenings take on grand meaning. But it lacks both the darkness and comedy of Stand By Me and its device of flipping every scene to show both kids' perspective drags the film. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How America treats its heroes

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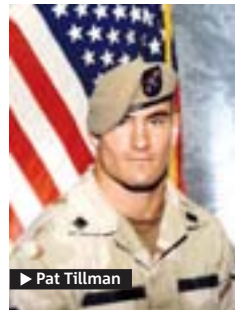

▶ Pat Tillman

Director Amir Bar-Lev's latest documentary takes on the controversial figure of Pat Tillman, the polarizing NFL star turned Afghan War casualty who was killed by friendly fire despite what the military initially claimed. Bar-Lev presents Tillman's story and how his bereaved family was mistreated by the same government who made their son a martyr with a disturbing honesty that is sure to bring back uncomfortable feelings about the war.

"The greatest review that we got was when Pat's family told us that they were happy with the film," Bar-Lev told Metro.

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of The Tillman Story is how much incriminating footage Bar-Lev was able to find. There are even scenes from a congressional hearing in which government officials ranking as high as Donald Rumsfeld lied about knowing the cause of Tillman's death and were not only cleared of taking responsibility, but weren't even properly questioned about the issue.

"None of that footage was difficult to obtain, which in itself is a tragedy," said Bar-Lev. "When people see some of the clips that we have, they'll probably think that we got it from some Deep Throat garage in a paper bag or something. Nothing could be further from the truth. We got this footage from the mainstream press' archives. Why that stuff ended up on the cutting room floor of the major networks, I think speaks to one of the larger concerns that the film hopes to address."

The Tillman Story is a remarkably honest portrayal of a difficult story. Though it might clearly be on the side of the Tillman family, the director only leaned that way after a great deal of research.

"I don't think that the job of a filmmaker is to sit and look at an issue and kind of bean count. You know, 'one fact for the Tillmans and one fact for the government,'" admitted Bar-Lev. "My job is to spend enough time with a story to gather an informed opinion. If somebody wants to present a different point of view, I'm willing to hear it. But until I'm convinced otherwise, I'll defend my opinion."

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DILLON'S LACK OF STAR POWER SURPRISING

In Focus

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He is an Oscar nominee, a multiple Independent Spirit Award winner and the star of over forty movies. He can leap frog comfortably from comedy to drama. In this weekend's Takers he plays a cop hot on the trail of some bank robbers. Next he'll be seen yukking it up in Rio Sex Comedy. He can do it all, and on top of that he has at least one IMDB message board titled "Hottest Man Alive," so why is Matt Dillon the forgotten movie star? With credits like his he should be on the a-list, hobnobbing with the Toms — Hanks and Cruise — and Will Smith and yet his brother Kevin, who plays a wannabe celebrity on Entourage, probably has a higher Q score. Here's a look back at why Matt Dillon should be on Hollywood's hot list.

Troubled Youth

Dillon first got noticed playing troubled teens in Over the Edge, My Bodyguard, Little Darlings and Liar's Moon but it was the screen adaptations of three S.E. Hinton novels that made him a star. Tex, The Outsiders (where he shared the screen with Tom Cruise, Rob Lowe and Patrick Swayze) and Rumble Fish made him a teen idol, but also earned him some serious fans as well. Roger Ebert wrote that Dillon has "the kind of clarity, the uncluttered relationship with the camera that you see in only a handful of actors."

Dillon's Films

A selected filmography of Matt Dillon..

- The Outsiders (1983)
- Drugstore Cowboy (1989)
- Singles (1992)
- There's Something About Mary (1998)
- Crash (2004)

He's Really Blossomed

He was typecast as a brooding teen early on but breakout roles in several comedies proved he could more than just a gloomy Gus. In There's Something About Mary he used one of the most all time politically incorrect (but hilarious) pick-up lines to woo Cameron Diaz. Even better is Randy, his character in One Night at McCool's. When nice guy Randy's one-night stand lets it slip that her boyfriend is a killer who might come after them, he doesn't run but in a beautiful bit of understatement says, "It's just the sex and the violence all in one night is a little much."

Wild Things

On the dramatic side he is an Oscar nominee for his work as the racist cop in Crash, an award winner for his realistic portrayal of a drug addict in Drugstore Cowboy and he steamed up the screen in the campy Wild Things. The guy can do it. Why isn't he a bigger star?

▶ Matt Dillon has done a wide variety of films in his long career in hollywood.

'All comedians have insecurities'

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Joan Rivers jumped right in when she was asked to be the subject of a documentary.

The 75-year-old comedy icon didn't think twice about compromising her privacy or watching her vulnerabilities paraded onscreen for our entertainment.

Indeed, Rivers lays herself bare in Ricki Stern and Anne Sundberg's film Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work, which was shot over 14 roller coaster months in Rivers' life.

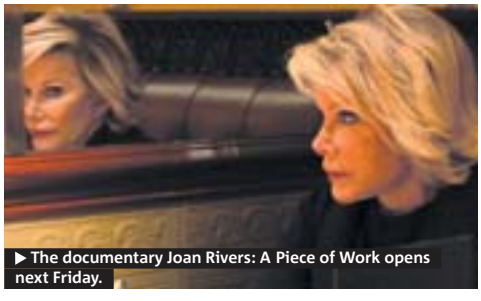
At a time when subjects like Anna Wintour and Valentino insist on managing their documentary images, Rivers gave the filmmakers total access.

Right from the opening tight close-ups, Rivers shares the anger, frustration, and tears that come with being an ageing comedienne who imagines she is no longer wanted.

"Tell the truth or don't do it. So much in the public eye is such nonsense and puff. … It is nonsense; a real documentarian finds the truth. It's not public relations."

The truth is that Rivers is on constant high alert, watching the younger comediennes come up while trying to fill her date book. Rivers says it's that kind of anxiety that makes her funny.

"All comedians have tremendous insecurities and think that the glass is half empty. They're always worried it's going to all go away."



▶ The documentary Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work opens next Friday.

Moms lust over Twilight boys

Jill Etesse was hooked on the Twilight books the second she cracked the series opener ▶ But when she saw the movie something else happened

Jill Etesse's Twilight madness started some time after she rented the first movies.

"I joined the lines of teens for New Moon," said the 38-year-old mom of two. "My husband is deathly embarrassed. Half my friends think I'm crazy."

Etesse won't let her eight-year-old daughter anywhere near Team Edward OR Team Jacob, but she did take herself to Eclipse this summer?

Is there something, um, icky about moms lusting after the boys of Twilight or other morsels of ripe screen candy? Heck, no, said 54-year-old Toni Downey of Limerick, Pa. We're not dead yet! Downey's more into Matt Bomer, 32, of TV's White Collar at the moment, but "I've had impure thoughts about barely legal boys as well." Strictly the celebrity look-don't-touch variety, she notes.

Eighteen-year-old Taylor Lautner's six-pack? "Mind-boggling," said Downey, who has a 25-year-old daughter. "She likes Buffy as her only vamp thing, and we both thought Pattinson was hotter as a blond in Harry Potter."

Into the light they've come, declaring their sometimes puzzled joy, juggling movie schedules with diaper changes, kid lunches and soccer practices. They're definitely looking forward with younger fans to the last two Twilight movies starting next year, and they're scooping up all sorts of reads intended for the young.

"I have no idea why it's so appealing to me," Etesse said. "I'm married to a tall, dark and handsome French-Irish guy, but those abs, you know. I'd trade a pair of my Jimmy C's for my husband to have those." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Along with younger fans, some moms find Robert Pattinson dreamy.

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Despicable Me 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:45-6:30
Dinner for Schmucks (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:20
Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:55
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Inception (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:50-10:10
The Last Exorcism (14A) Fri-Thu 2-5-8-10:40
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Piranha 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 2:10-5:20-8:10-10:35
Salt (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7-9:30
Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:10-7:15-9:50
Step Up 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 9
The Switch (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-4-7:10-9:40
Takers (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:40-10:15
Vampires Suck (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:05-9:10

PRINCESS I & II
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Agora (14A) Fri 6:50-9:10 Sat-Sun 1-6:50-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:10
The Girl Who Played With Fire (18A) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20
Hugh Hefner: Playboy, Activist and Rebel (14A) Sat-Sun 3:30

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The Other Guys (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:30
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Step Up 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:20-10:30
Takers (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:15-7:15-9:50
UFC 118: Edgar vs. Penn 2 (STC) Sat 8
Vampires Suck (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:30-9:20

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The American (STC) Wed-Thu 12:20-3:30-7:15-10:10
Avatar: Special Edition 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12-4-8
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Lottery Ticket (PG) Fri-Thu 9:40
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Toy Story 3 (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:55-6:50
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Horses: The Story of Equus (STC) Fri-Thu 12-3-5
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The Wildest Dream: Conquest of Everest (STC) Fri-Thu 1-7

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▶ Pirahna 3D opened last week.

So where's *your* Emmy?

Jon Stewart once joked that he would use his Emmy statuette to prop up the sinking foundation of his house.

Most Emmy winners, though, tend to keep their trophies in a special place indoors.

As nominees gear up for Sunday's 62nd annual ceremony, a look at where past winners keep their coveted hardware.

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Helen Mirren
A four-time winner (Prime Suspect in 1995 and 2006; The Passion of Ayn Rand in 1999 and Elizabeth I in 2005): "I've got one in England and I've got one here (in the United States), and I guess ... I don't know where it is.
"The one that I have here is, actually, in my office in New York."

Jennifer Aniston
She won in 2002 for Friends: She had kept that Emmy and another award on a shelf in her office. "I thought, 'How do I make good use of them?' So, they're bookends."

Bette Midler
Her Emmys include a 1992 trophy for outstanding individual performance on the penultimate airing of The Tonight Show starring Johnny Carson: "My three Emmys are in the city, in New York, in my home. I don't display them. I just have them in a cupboard somewhere. I'm very proud of them.

Wayne Brady
He won an Emmy in 2003 for Whose Line Is It Anyway?: "I keep it downstairs in my library. And I keep it there because I visit my books all the time, because I'm an avid reader. ... I know that some people will give you the modest, 'I use it as a doorstop.' No, I earned that!"

Holland Taylor
She won in 1999 as outstanding supporting actress on The Practice: "Well, at one time, I, with great arrogance, actually did use it as a doorstop. And somebody said, 'Holland, that's disgusting.' ... so it now is on a little shelf with family pictures in my bedroom."

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Emmy show really wants your attention

It's time to renegotiate the broadcast rights ▶ Ratings will be crucial ▶ Broadcast networks or cable?

When the Emmy Awards air Sunday, more is at stake than whether 30 Rock wins its fourth consecutive best-series trophy, Mad Men its third or Glee its first.

A crucial tally will be the ratings — ammunition for either the big four networks or the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences as the two sides negotiate a new contract for the telecast.

The current agreement, reached in 2002 and expiring this year, created an annual network rotation that brought the ceremony to ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC, and gave the TV academy a huge boost in its license fees.

Now the Emmy show has a chance to prove that it's riding a wave that has lifted other awards broadcasts this year, with viewership up for shows including the Oscars, the Golden Globes and the Grammys.

But what Emmy organizers also might covet is a counteroffer. Eight years ago, cable's HBO made a splash by bidding to wrest away the ceremony with a $10 million annual license fee when the networks were offering $3.3 million.

"Nothing can help your negotiation more than if you have another offer on the table," said writer-producer Bryce Zabel, who was academy chairman and CEO at the time.

▶ Jimmy Fallon, who hosts the Emmys on Sunday, says the awards show belongs on the broadcast networks.

"We had a strong argument that the license fee should go up, but it made it easier to achieve with another offer."

Networks ultimately agreed to an eight-year deal with license fees of $4.5 million annually for the first four years and $7.5 million per year for the next four.

The academy and the networks declined comment on current negotiations.

So far, there has been no overt interest shown in the Emmys by HBO or major basic cable networks, such as Turner's TNT or TBS.

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TV picks

Get the dish on Thai food

THROWDOWN. Pad Thai is the dish du jour on Throwdown With Bobby Flay. The New York native takes on Nongkran Daks, executive chef and owner of the Thai Basil Restaurant in Chantilly, Va. (Friday, Food Network)

Is life better in Silicon Valley?

PALO ALTO. The documentary series One Square Mile examines American society within the microcosm of that exact dimension of land in cities around the U.S. Tonight's episode profiles one square mile of Palo Alto, Calif., which is considered the birthplace of Silicon Valley. (Friday, BBC World News)

Competitive art returns

MARATHON. If you never got a chance to check out Sarah Jessica Parker's reality competition Work of Art: The Next Great Artist, this is your day. A marathon of the series is airing all day followed by the finale, which hasn't yet aired in Canada. Parker executive produces the series, in which 14 aspiring artists compete for $100,000 and a solo show at the Brooklyn Museum. (Saturday, Bravo)

MJ's best friend?

BUBBLES. Michael Jackson & Bubbles: The Untold Story profiles the friendship between the late pop icon and one of his best friends — a chimpanzee. The doc is airing on what would have been Jackson's 52nd birthday and delves into the psychology behind his devotion to Bubbles. (Sunday, Animal Planet)

7th heaven

Four Word Film Reviews

Book
Not skimpy on laughs. That could be one way to describe this book version of fwfr.com, a website that takes the shortest cut to some playful film criticism. Curated by site creator Benji Clews and former Canadian journalist Michael Onesi. Examples? "Sinking feelings split couple" (Titanic); "Luke. Pa. No hand" (Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back).

Gap Give & Get

Shopping
Want to shop and support a good cause at the same time? The Gap is holding its Give & Get promotion this weekend, offering a 30 per cent discount on products at Gap, Banana Republic, Old Navy and Outlet, and donating five per cent to charities like CARE Canada and Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada. To get your discount, visit gapinc.com/giveandget

Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too

DVD
The popular director's story of four couples reuniting for their annual vacation, only to find their peaceful Bahaman getaway disrupted by one of the wives' exes, hits store shelves on Tuesday. The movie features a great performance by Janet Jackson.

Diesel Sandstorm

Fashion
You may rely on your cell, BlackBerry or iPhone to tell time, but that's no reason why a watch can't be used as a fashion accessory. Diesel has a new line pulling on military influences: Mesh, leather, metal. They are available at boutiques or on the company's website.

I'm Still Here

Film
What happened to you? It's a question a lot of people have been wondering about Joaquin Phoenix in recent years after the Academy Award nominee announced he was giving up movies for music — rapping, specifically. We may soon have an answer as director Casey Affleck's doc about Phoenix's musical attempt hits the big screen next month. METRO

Comedy Central Roast

TV
"Don't hassle the Hoff," as the saying goes — unless you're one of the celebrities on Saturday's new episode of Comedy Central Roast. David Hasselhoff of Knight Rider and Baywatch fame bravely sits on the spit to be flamed by famous funny people including Seth MacFarlane, who serves as Roast Master. Watch it on The Comedy Network.
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Metro pick

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▶Sandra Bullock will be on NBC's Today show next week.

Bullock talking New Orleans

Celeb
A lot has changed in the five years since Bullock and then-husband Jesse James visited post-Katrina New Orleans. Bullock — who since adopted a baby who was born in the city — will be talking about education and health in New Orleans on NBC's Today show on Tuesday. METRO

Mix of Six

Folk/pop

Don Brownrigg
Let the haunting voice of Don Brownrigg enchant you with his sublime lyrics.
When: Friday at 7:30 p.m.
Where: The Haven Social Club 15120A Stony Plain Rd

Metal

Exit Strategy with Necronaut and Akakor
Inspired by the political activism of punk legend Henry Rollins, Exit Strategy joins social commentary and the musical genre of Grindcore.
When: Friday at 9:00 p.m.
Where: Pawn Shop 10551 Whyte Ave

Rock/reggae

Open Sky Music Festival
The first annual Open Sky Music Festival brings together a great line-up of artists for this all ages event.
When: Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Where: Heritage Amphitheatre, Hawrelak Park

Blues/roots

Darren Johnson with Kessler Douglas
Close your eyes and you'll think you're in New Orleans with the smokey sound of Darren Johnson.
When: Saturday at 8:00 p.m.
Where: Blue Chair Cafe 9624 76 Ave

Rock

Andy Shauf with Julia McDougall
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When: Saturday at 8:00 p.m.
Where: Axis Cafe 10349 Jasper Ave

Pop/rock

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When: Friday & Saturday, 8:00 p.m.
Where: Jeffrey's Cafe & Wine Bar 9640 142 St

Dallas hits the home stretch

City and Colour singer-songwriter needs a break after year of touring

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Dallas Green promises that sometime next year he will record another City and Colour album. For now though he's on vacation.

"I've got enough songs for the record," he says on the phone from his Toronto home, "But if I recorded them now I'd have a nervous breakdown. I need some time to myself."

The singer-songwriter, who made it big as the guitarist and vocalist in Alexisonfire and as a dreamy-voiced solo artist, has been on the go almost non stop for the last year. When he wasn't touring with Alexisonfire he'd play City and Colour shows; August was the first month he had off.

All that touring hasn't allowed him to write songs as quickly as he'd like.

▶ Dallas Green, who performs under the name City and Colour, plans to start work a new album in January.

Green says he needs to spend time crafting a tune — he can't just churn them out.

"I don't understand the people who say they write a song every day," he says. "I never do that. I don't even think it's a good idea to write a song every day — I'd end up writing a bunch of s—."

While he has music for a new disc, he's waiting until January to enter the studio. He says he may write a few new songs between now and then, but he's adamant about not overloading the record with needless tracks.

"I don't want to hear a record that has 15 songs on it," he says. "That's asking too much for the listener, especially now when attention spans are so short."

Fortunately, his fans do want to hear more than 15 songs from him, at least when he plays live. In the meantime, he's finished two songs, including a track he wrote about the BP oil spill.

"I was reading a ton about it and it crept into my subconscious and I wrote a song about it," he says.

Teams with Shad

Just because Dallas Green is taking it easy in August doesn't mean he's not working. He did make it into the studio this month, albeit for an unlikely reason — to work with Toronto-based rapper Shad.

"I'm a huge hip-hop fan and had a secret dream of being and R&B singer," he says. "And he helped me live out my dream."

The pair recorded two songs — Shad raps and Green sings. The songs won't appear on the next City and Colour disc, they're likely release it as a 12-inch two song vinyl, and on iTunes, instead.

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Ne-Yo ordered to pay damages

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▶ R&B Singer Ne-Yo.

▶ Promoter Kenyohn Clark sues
▶ R&B singer and booking agent to pay more than $156,000 for blotched 2008 New Year's Eve concert, says Maryland judge

A Maryland judge has ordered R&B singer Ne-Yo and his booking agent to pay more than $156,000 in damages because the performer failed to appear at a 2008 New Year's Eve concert in Washington state.

Anne Arundel County Circuit Judge Philip Caroom ordered the payment Tuesday after a four-day trial in late July and early August.

Promoter Kenyohn Clark sued Ne-Yo, whose real name is Shaffer Smith, and promoter Mike Esterman, who is based in Maryland. The judge ruled in favour of Clark, who claimed that Esterman misled him and failed to return a $95,000 deposit.

Court documents show Ne-Yo testified at trial that he knew in his "heart of hearts" that the deposit should have been returned.

Jason Brino, Clark's attorney, says his client was "basically public enemy No. 1" after the botched concert and abandoned the promotion business to take a job as a military contractor. Attorneys for Ne-Yo and Esterman did not respond to messages seeking comment.

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Naomi knows how she likes it

▶ Naomi Campbell.

Naomi Campbell knows exactly how she likes her food.

The supermodel recently shocked other customers while dining with Leonardo DiCaprio and Bar Refaeli at a restaurant in Capri when she brought out her own condiment, according to Page Six.

"She couldn't indulge in food until her boyfriend's bodyguard brought over her own salt and pepper shakers," a source says. Campbell's rep was happy to clear things up, saying, "It wasn't salt and pepper, it's her Jamaican hot sauce."

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Celebrity tweets

Kanye West
[@kanye west] I hate when people email you and ask "You wanna know something?" of course but why are u torturing me by spreading this to more than 1 email

Kelly Osbourne
[@MissKellyO] Just found a video on the Internet of me leaving colony on Friday night NOT wasted laughing with my friends!

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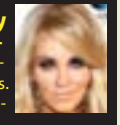

Jenny McCarthy
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Frankie Muniz
[@frankie muniz] Just puked in our dressing room... Now I feel like a rockstar..

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Talking points

Barrymore has interview limits

PRYING REPORTERS BEWARE! Drew Barrymore is perfectly happy to discuss her troubled childhood — just so long as journalists don't take it to far. "God, I wanted to punch her, she would just not drop the youth thing," Barrymore tells the London Daily Mail about a prying reporter that had been interviewing her earlier that day. "I'm actually really proud. I know I made a lot of mistakes, but they in turn were my life lessons. But yeah, man, I wanted to rip this woman's face off. She just would not shut up about it." METRO

▶ Drew Barrymore.

Letterman welcomes Walters back to View

David Letterman will welcome Barbara Walters back to The View when he visits the ABC daytime talk show next month.

ABC said Wednesday that Letterman, host of CBS' Late Show, will make his first guest appearance on The View on Sept. 7.

That's the day that co-panelist Walters returns to the air after taking the summer off to recover from open-heart surgery.

The show also marks the start of the 14th season of The View.

Other guests scheduled that week include former Secretary of State Colin Powell and actor Danny DeVito.

Besides Walters, The View stars Joy Behar, Whoopi Goldberg, Elisabeth Hasselbeck and Sherri Shepherd.

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▶ Shown is a pork chop prepared with a special sake marinade by Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto, right, at his restaurant Morimoto in Napa, Calif.

Liquor is quicker for thrilling grill

What's Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto's barbecue secret ingredient? A sake-spiked marinade, of course Boozy abounds in marinade options

Like many other chefs looking to add a little thrill to the grill, Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto heads to the liquor cabinet. Because rum, tequila and other liquors all do a fine job of getting meat ready to face the fire.

As Elizabeth Karmel, known for her grill skills, puts it: Never marinate your food in something you wouldn't drink.

"I cook a lot with booze. It makes everything taste better and really gives food a fabulous depth of flavour," said Karmel, executive chef of Hill Country Barbecue Market and the soon-to-open Hill Country Chicken, both in New York City. "Food is so much about fun and who wouldn't want a tequila sunrise marinated chicken, right? And so many of the flavours in a tequila sunrise cocktail are the same flavours that we would use in, for example, a marinade."

Morimoto, who appears on the Food Network's Iron Chef America (he also was a star of the original Japanese Iron Chef show), demonstrated his techniques recently at his new restaurant on the Napa riverfront.

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CHEF ELIZABETH KARMEL

He sprinkled sake over pork loin, stabbing the pearly pink meat with chopsticks and then immersing it in a marinade including mirin, a type of rice cooking wine, and sake.

And don't worry, the alcohol cooks away in the heat. This also means that when you're done you can pair the dish with whatever you like, including wine.

Michael Paley, chef of Proof on Main in Louisville, Ky., takes a locavore approach to liquor. He brines pork loin overnight in a bourbon-based brine.

Being in Louisville, "we're fortunate to be surrounded by some of the best bourbon producers in the world," he said.

You don't want to use top-shelf booze for the marinade, of course. Save that for what you pour for yourself.

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Matchings

So how do you match liquor with meat? Karmel usually uses lighter alcohols and citrus flavours with white meats and more robust alcohols and flavours with darker meats.

- "But that said, one of my favourite marinades is a Jack Daniels and coke marinade that I use on a pork chop," she said.
- Other flavours she likes are vodka-based marinades for fish, pork, beef or even grilled fruit, and rum-based soaks for grilled fruits, summer veggies, shellfish, tuna, chicken or pork.

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Superfood

Camel milk: A hump of health

There are close to 20 million camels around the world producing an average total of 5.4 million tonnes of milk a year. Containing 10 times more iron and being three times as rich in vitamin C than cow's milk, camel milk is becoming an increasingly popular alternative just as much in the western world as in the Middle East. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the anti bodies and high mineral and vitamin content in the milk may help ward off diseases including cancer, HIV, Alzheimers and hepatitis C and diabetes. METRO

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Any grill can make great barbecue: Recipe for chili- and coffee-rubbed chuck roast. Scan code for local news

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Grilled Shrimp With Watermelon

Preparation:

1 Glaze: In a 2 to 3 l (2 to 3 qt) saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Sauté garlic, ginger and lemon grass for a few minutes. Reduce heat to low and stir in vermouth, soy sauce, watermelon and sugar.

2 Divide mixture in two, setting aside half for serving as glaze/drizzle. Note: Do not mix liquid from the two halves to avoid contaminating the glaze/drizzle.

3 Over medium-high heat, grill skewered shrimp, basting occasionally until shrimp are cooked and opaque, about 5 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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Ingredients :

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) minced fresh ginger or 5 ml (1 tsp) ground ginger
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) minced fresh lemon grass or 5 ml (1 tsp) dry shredded
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) extra-dry vermouth
- 10 ml (2 tsp) soy sauce, or to taste
- 250 ml (1 cup) watermelon purée
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sugar
- 1 kg (2 lb) peeled deveined medium shrimp, skewered

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Wie fires hole-in-one en route to lead

Michelle Wie didn't need to do her happy dance to feel great Thursday.

The Hawaii native drove in the second hole-in-one of her pro career on the way to a 7-under-par 65 that made her the first-round leader at the CN Canadian Women's Open.

Wie, 20, raised her hands in the air and got a high-five from playing partner Cristie Kerr after the ace on the 190-yard, par-3 11th hole at the St. Charles Country Club.

After her first hole-in-one in her rookie season at last year's McDonald's LPGA Championship, the six-foot Wie did a dance.

"I did a little shimmy after I made it in at McDonald's and it got replayed one too many times and (TV sportscaster) Scott (Oake) made fun of it a little bit too much," Wie said.

"So (I) just decided against it. I really wanted to, but I didn't. But it was pretty crazy."

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72 Fourteen Canadians are trying not to repeat last year's Open outcome, where no Canadians made the cut. Seema Sadekar of Toronto was the low Canadian with a 72, two strokes ahead of Sue Kim of Langley, B.C.

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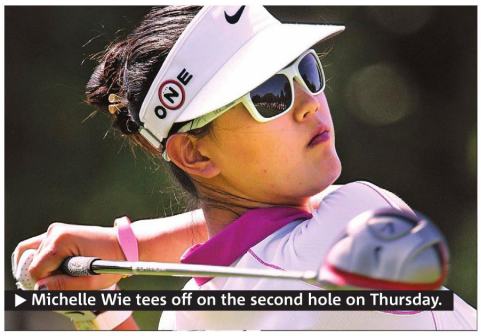

▶ Michelle Wie tees off on the second hole on Thursday.

Tiger shows his old stripes at Barclays

Woods shoots 65 in first tourney since his divorce ▶ Shares the lead with Vaughn Taylor at 65

In his first tournament since his divorce, Tiger Woods finally looked like the No. 1 player in the world Thursday at the Barclays when he opened with a 6-under 65, his lowest score of the year, to share the lead with Vaughn Taylor.

It was Woods' first time leading after any round on the PGA Tour since the Tour Championship last September.

"It's exciting to hit the ball flush again," Woods said. "It's something I've been missing all year."

He didn't miss much at Ridgewood Country Club. Woods hit all but one fairway and putted for birdie on all but two holes.

And while he hit his driver only twice, they were two of his best shots of the day — including on the 291-yard fifth hole, where his drive landed pin-high and settled 15 feet away.

Was it just a coincidence that his game showed up so soon after his marriage was dissolved?

"I can't really say that's the case," he said. "As far as golf, it was nice to put it together."

Woods and Taylor had a one-shot lead over Australian Adam Scott, Brian Gay and Ryan Palmer.

Phil Mickelson made only one birdie for a 72.

For Woods, the timing could not have been better.

Only the top 100 in the FedEx Cup standings advance to the second round of the playoffs next week in the Deutsche Bank Championship. Woods at least needs to make the cut, then finish in the middle of the pack. He had a better solution.

"I figure if I win, I should be OK," Woods said.

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73 Calgary's Stephen Ames shot a first-round 73, while Graham DeLaet of Weyburn, Sask., finished the day with a 74.

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▶ Tiger Woods watches his shot Thursday on the eighth hole.

Pujols reaches homer milestone

Albert Pujols hit his 400th home run Thursday night, becoming the 47th major league player to reach the milestone.

The St. Louis Cardinals slugger led off the fourth inning against the Washington Nationals by sending an 0-1 fastball from starter Jordan Zimmermann into the right-centre seats.

At 30 years, 222 days, Pujols became the third-youngest player to reach 400 homers. Alex Rodriguez hit No. 400 at 29 years, 316 days, and Ken Griffey Jr. reached the benchmark at 30 years, 141 days.

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47 Pujols' drive broke a three-way tie with Al Kaline and Andres Galarraga for 47th place on baseball's career list.

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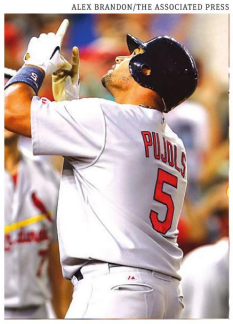

Sports in brief

Clemens to be arraigned

MLB. Officials at the federal courthouse in Washington, D.C., say that seven-time Cy Young winner Roger Clemens will be arraigned on Monday afternoon on criminal charges.

The former pitcher will appear before U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton for allegedly lying to Congress about his use of steroids.

Birmingham advances

SOCCER. Birmingham came from behind to beat third-tier club Rochdale 3-2 and reach the third round of the Carling Cup.

Rochdale captain Gary Jones scored twice.

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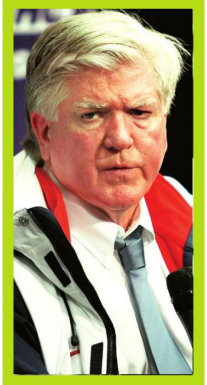

"If that's the choice they've made, I respect Donald Fehr. And I think it's good news if they've put a leader in place."

LEAFS GM BRIAN BURKE, ON DONALD FEHR REPORTEDLY BECOMING DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYERS' ASSOCIATION. THE UNION SAID FEHR HAD YET TO ACCEPT THE POSITION.

"For the reports to come out and say that an offer has been accepted is, to say the least, a little premature just given the process."

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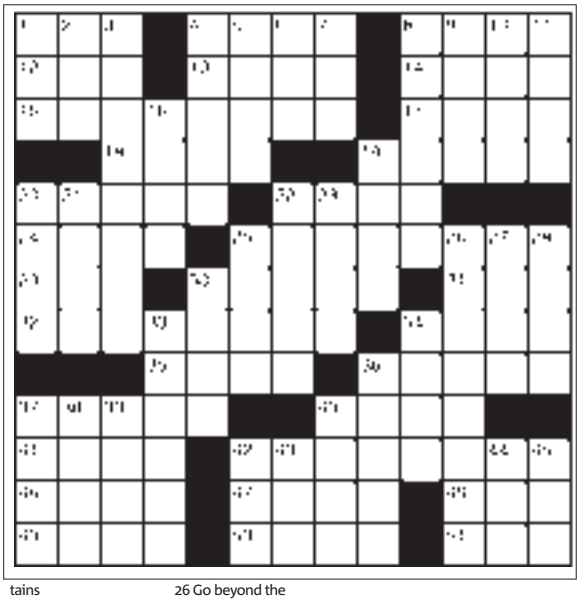

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4 Emanation
8 Ginormous
12 Atmosphere
13 Family-biz abbr.
14 Cupid's alias
15 Listen to what you just recorded
17 Now, on a memo
18 Christmas refrain
19 Europe's boot
20 How "alas" is said
22 Trig function
24 Sample of beefcake
25 Withdraw
29 Corroded
30 Shoe-repair supply
31 Compete
32 Mastered perfectly
34 Nevada city
35 Relaxed
36 Egret's cousin
37 Hatred
40 "La Vie en Rose" chanteuse
41 Monopoly payment
42 Chris Martin's band
46 Fill fully
47 Reed instrument
48 Raw rock
49 Bloodhound's clue
50 Auction actions
51 Drench

Down
1 Chart
2 Lubricate
3 Fresh
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5 Eurasia's — Mountains
6 Sinbad's bird
7 Request
8 Passionate, as an argument
9 — Major
10 Target
11 Catch sight of
16 Egg part
19 Cartoonist's needs
20 Roe provider
21 Car
22 Charlie Brown's sister
23 On the rocks
25 Greets the villain
26 Go beyond the limits
27 Drunkard, maybe
28 Night light
30 Con game
33 Like "it"
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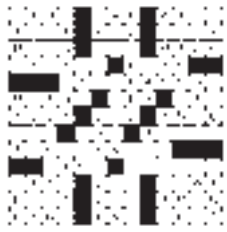
▶ Yesterday's answer



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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Toth, I am so glad you were able to visit me this week. When we are together my life is like a dream come true. Good luck with your new job.
XOXO IAN

Lover, I am the happiest wife there could ever be. You are the BEST husband in the world! Looking forward to a lifetime of memories. Love you lots
XOXO KEL

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Your latest big idea may be a bit far fetched for some people's liking but that won't stop you trying to put it into practice.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The Sun in Virgo will encourage you to do something special, something that gets you noticed by the right people. But don't get carried away: stick to what you are good at.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Hopefully you have got your thinking head on because something wonderful is about to happen and the quicker you react the more you will get from it.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Be extra careful today when traveling and socializing. It's okay to be confident and enthusiastic but don't fall into the trap of believing that nothing can possibly go wrong — because that's the moment it most likely will.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Friends and colleagues may not approve of what you are up to but since when have you let that kind of thing hold you back?

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Something positive will happen today but it will have a negative side as well. Fortunately, the Sun in your sign will give you the confidence to face up to the bad as well as the good.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You are thinking deeply about something that up until now you have taken somewhat for granted. That's good, because you of all people need to understand that "good" and "bad" are not absolute terms.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Get rid of the old so you have space for the new. That is the message of the stars for you today and if you follow it there is no limit to what you can do.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If you break the rules you will pay the price – so don't break them. Even a Sagittarian has to toe the line now and again and on the work front especially you are up against forces that cannot be beaten. Be smart.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Everything you say and do has a ripple effect on the world and if you bear that thought in mind today you are less likely to say or do something that hurts other people.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't waste time lamenting what might have been because the only thing that matters now is what is going to happen next. Aquarius is supposed to be a forward-looking sign, so think of the future.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Do you really need to let everyone know what you are up to? You stand a much better chance of success today if you keep your aims and ambitions to yourself. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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